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EXPENSES OF WAR.

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Second Annual Report of the COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS PEACE SOCIETY.

The Committee of Inquiry of the Peace Society, charged with the duty of collecting facts and estimates displaying the evils of war, respectfully Report :

That since we had the honor of laying before you at the close of the last year, some general statements and calculations, which the numbers of men employed in military establishments, the expenses of war, and the loss of lives were estimated large; we have not seen any documents which those calculations could be materially changed. We have consequently thought it would not be useful to the Society or the public, to follow the same track here pursued, or to offer to you any further details on the same points. These and other reasons induced us to contract the scope, and change the method of our investigations. Believing ourselves at liberty to select any class of facts, or to apply ourselves to any course of calculations, the extensive range comprehended in the appointment of the Committee, and perceiving ourselves by the arrangement of questions proposed in the Circular Letter to the Corresponding Secretary, published on behalf, we concluded to confine our attention to one of those questions on each year, and in pursuance of this resolution, we selected for our present subject, the following question contained in that Circular Letter.

What are the facts by which an estimate may be made of the expenditures for supporting military establishments and carrying on war, compared with the expenditures for supporting government, religion, charity and charitable institutions?

On this question we propose to offer to your consideration some comparisons of national expenses of war, so far as ascertainable, with the extent of benefit which might be produced, by the application of those expenditures to objects of confessed utility and advantage to mankind, by which it may be seen what great blessings and improvements Christian nations might have conveyed to the world, by means which have been wasted on its deterioration.

The expenses of the late war of the United States cannot be ascertained with precision, as claims are yet outstanding on the government in reference to it, and the increased military expense defrayed by taxation cannot be well distinguished. The most general opinion on the subject appears to be, that it has cost 100 millions of dollars, 50 millions each year, and as such we estimated it in our former report. If however, we take only the increase of debt, 75 millions of dollars, and add 13 millions of disbursements not included in that debt, and suppose the whole war expense defrayed by that amount, (which is undoubtedly the truth,) we shall have 120 millions of dollars, or 40 millions each year expended on the war.

The expense of the last years of war to the British government is more definitely ascertained. By the documents we have submitted, it appears that the whole military and naval expense of the year 1815, including advances to other countries on account of the war, was

\$51,317,677

which add interest on the augmentation of debt for that year, and the whole military and naval expense was

60,517,677

and in the present year (1818) the whole military and naval expense is estimated at

15,155,000

and the difference of military expense in the two years is

\$45,362,677

Equal to \$201,611,998

which is therefore the expense of one year of war, or the annual saving by peace, to that nation.

The military expenses of the French government were in 1809, by authentic documents,

France, 656,500,000

which we must add her contributions on foreign nations, which are confessed to have been annually

330,000,000

and the whole expense of her armies for that year was

986,500,000

and in 1817, the whole military expense was

228,000,000

and the expense of one year of war therefore is

\$758,500,000

Equal to \$142,218,750

Of the expenditures of the other powers Europe we have not information of such accuracy as can be relied on, but we perceive those now presented are amply sufficient for the purposes of this exposition.

In comparing these expenses with those required for beneficent objects, it is not our intention to offer you calculations on every philanthropic institution which has employed the exertions of Christians in the present age, which would swell this report into a volume, or even to present to you all the which we ourselves have considered; only ask leave to call your attention to some leading examples of the benefits to which these war expenditures might be applied.

We commence with a comparison of the expenses of the three governments, whose war expenses we have just stated.

The civil expenses of the United States in 1818, are estimated in the Treasury Re-

port of Nov. 21, \$3,809,806

And we have estimated the annual cost of war, \$40,000,000

From which it appears, that one year's expense of war, would pay the civil expenses of government for upwards of 10 years; and consequently had the whole cost of the late war been reserved for that purpose, our civil expenses would have been defrayed by it for 30 years to come.

The civil expenses of the British government for the year 1815, appear to have been

\$4,461,087

And we have shewn that the cost of war to that government on that year was

45,362,677

The cost of one year of war therefore to the British empire, would defray 10 years of its civil expenses.

The civil expenses of the French government for the year 1817, were

F. 37,700,000

And the war expenditure of 1809, as computed,

758,500,000

It results therefore that one year's cost of war to France, as in 1809, would pay over 20 years of her present civil expenses.

We have no doubt that as great a disproportion exists between the war and peace expenses of every other nation, and we think it must appear to you as a fact worthy of serious consideration, that the practice of war by which (as we believe) nations derive no benefit whatever, but which only serves to draw losses and calamities of every kind upon them, is ten times as costly as those legitimate designs of the institution of government, which are acknowledged to be for the benefit and security of mankind. This consideration alone we conceive sufficient to induce benevolent men to urge the adoption of some pacific arrangement, by which protection against foreign aggression may be rendered as cheap and efficacious as that against internal disorder;—even were the loss of lives, of private property, morals and happiness which are of paramount and incalculable value, put out of the question.

The next object, the expense of which we propose to compare with that of war, is the establishment of a general system of education. The age of darkness and prejudice, when the advantage of the rich and great was thought to be secured by the ignorance of the poor and humble, has (we hope and believe,) passed away; and every enlightened mind is now sensible, that education must form the basis of the order, the morals, the religion, and the happiness of mankind. But we are about to show that this noble object may be obtained at an incomparably less expense than war, which only tends to destroy those blessings.

Turning our attention in the first place to heathen countries, and taking as an example the continent of India, we observe that an estimate has been made by our missionaries there, that a school of 50 children would only cost \$150 per annum. At this rate the annual expense of war to the United States, which we have estimated at 40 millions of dollars, would educate 13,333,333 children annually: the annual expense of war to Great Britain, would educate 67 millions: and the annual expense to France, over 47 millions: so that the annual expense of war to either Britain or France, is about as much as is annually required for the education of all the children in the world.

If we take the British or Lancastrian system as a basis, (which is undoubtedly to be preferred on an extensive scale,) we shall find the effect much greater. The number of schools on that plan in Great Britain, in 1817, was 1009; the pupils taught in them 155,000. In 6 years since 1811, £38,250 had been received for the purpose of this institution, and we will suppose the whole of that sum to have been expended in that time. Allowing the number of pupils to have increased in arithmetical progression during that period; £38,250 would educate 77,500 pupils for 6 years; or 465,000 annually. At this rate the annual expense of war to the United States, would give annual education to 109,411,765 children; the annual expense of war to Great Britain, would educate 551,467,333 children: and the annual war expense to France, would educate 389,010,110 children. It is computed that not more than 16 millions can come of age to be educated annually in the world; if therefore, we allow 4 years education to each, 64 millions would constantly require education; consequently 3 fifths of the annual war expense to the U. S.; or one eighth the expense to Great Britain; or one sixth the expense to France, would educate all the children in the world on the Lancastrian plan, at the expense in England. Let us ask what benevolent man would not prefer the application of the money these governments have drawn from their citizens, to such an object as this; to the destructive wars on which they have consumed it? What enlightened politician would not rather trust to the knowledge and virtue such education would produce, than to the fears engendered by war for the public safety? What pious Christian would not estimate the elevation and improvement of his fellow men by education, infinitely above their degradation and destruction by war?

The next object which we wish to introduce to your consideration, is one which has become deservedly popular among all classes of Christians, and promises the most glorious results; this is the diffusion of the Scriptures among all nations in their own languages. The prospect that the lamentable ignorance and vice in which Paganism retains the largest portion of the globe, shall be removed, and the knowledge of true religion everywhere prevail, is a delightful anticipation to every pious mind, and promises to be realized by the institution of Bible Societies, which are constantly increasing in numbers and success. Great however as has been the zeal and exertions of the present age, it must be obvious to all acquainted with the subject, that the means employed are yet inadequate to the end proposed, of spreading the Gospel to the world. But we propose to show that what is yet unaccomplished by the arduous endeavors of individuals, or extensive societies, could have been effected at once, (so far as pecuniary means are required) by the expenses of a single year of war to two nations.

As the American Bible Society has not yet sufficiently matured its reports, to enable us to judge of its relative expenses and effect, we take as a basis for this country the operations of the Massachusetts Bible Society. In the year ending July, 1818, that institution had issued 3544 Bibles and Testaments, which cost by their report, \$1832.81. At this rate 40 millions of dollars, which we have estimated as one year's expense of war, would furnish 77,344,449 Bibles and Testaments of the same assortment, which is probably 4 or 5 times as many as would supply the whole American continent.

The British and Foreign Bible Society had expended in 14 years, ending March 31, 1818, £612,100; in which time, according to their report, there had been issued at their expense, more than 2 millions of Bibles and Testaments. According to the estimate we have made therefore, one year's expense of war to the British government would produce and circulate 140,956,451 Bibles and Testaments, of the same assortment; which would give one to every family at least on the eastern continent. We thus see that had the governments of the United States and Great Britain, agreed each to apply one year's expense they have recently wasted on war, to the promulgation of the Scriptures, they might have produced copies for the supply of the globe, and had the means of diffusing them been ascertained and adopted, every family in every nation of the earth might have possessed this inestimable treasure. To appreciate fully this comparison, we ask our fellow Christians for a moment to reflect on the immense disparity between the effect of an expenditure, which might be permanently productive of the present hope and virtue, and perhaps everlasting salvation of millions; and that application of it, which tends to destroy the comforts and the lives of multitudes, and by its irreligious influence, has, we fear, too often been the occasion of their eternal ruin.

We now proceed to offer you some calculations on a subject intimately connected with the preceding, and which is considered by many to possess equal claims to our attention:—we allude to the design of evangelizing the world by the preaching of missionaries. The command to preach the Gospel to every creature has, we believe, begun to be felt and obeyed with greater alacrity than heretofore, but yet with distant prospect of success. The calculations we offer enable us to discover, that its complete execution might be effected at a less expense than two years of war occasions to the two nations mentioned.

By information from an authentic and respectable source, we learn that the highest salary of a missionary in the East Indies is \$667 per annum; and those in our western territories nearly the same; the passage to India is \$250; and the greatest expense of preparatory education is \$300 per annum. Let us suppose that 7 years education is bestowed on each missionary at this rate, that the average expense of conveying all to their destinations, would be the same as the passage to India; & that it would be requisite to maintain each of them 20 years in their several stations on an average, before they were changed.—On calculating these elements we have—\$15,690, as the expense of each missionary for 20 years; and at this rate the expense of one year of war to the U. States and Great Britain combined, would furnish and support 15,400 missionaries for twenty years. In a valuable treatise lately published by our missionaries at Bombay, it is computed that 30,000 missionaries are wanted for the conversion of all that part of the world, who have not yet embraced Christianity. Consequently one year's expense of war to these two nations, would be sufficient for the maintenance of all the missionaries wanted for 10 years. Again, we solicit the serious attention of Christians to this subject, and ask them whether paying their money to armies of sanguinary warriors, spreading death and destruction among their fellow men, or bestowing it on the heralds of love and peace, occupied in preaching the words of eternal life, is an employment of it most agreeable to their Heavenly Father?

Another object which we conceive highly

desirable, if not of such magnitude as the conversion of all the heathen, is, that those who are destitute of religious instruction in countries professedly Christian, and who are unable to acquire it from their own means, should receive its benefits from other Christians in better circumstances to afford it. It cannot be denied that there are multitudes of our Christian brethren in this situation, and recent investigations have developed the fact, that there are many more than could have been supplied. It may not be amiss to see how far the expense of war would go to remedy this evil. Omitting Christians of the Romish and Greek churches, who are probably abundantly supplied with ministers of their own denominations, and who would be unwilling to admit those of others, we may estimate the population of protestant countries at 70 millions, one half of which may be considered as supplied, or able to supply themselves with religious teachers. Let us suppose that 40 millions still require aid from others, and allow one minister to every 1000 souls, and we shall have 40,000 ministers required for the complete supply of destitute churches. Computing these to cost \$600 each per annum, (which by collation of many parishes we find to exceed the average, including all parish expenses,) and 24 millions of dollars will be required annually for the support of the whole.—Admitting these data (which we consider sufficiently correct,) the annual expense of war to the two protestant nations, Great Britain and the United States combined, would furnish ministers for all the destitute protestant parishes in the world for upwards of 10 years.

Although hitherto less generally interesting than the other objects we refer to, we consider Peace Societies equally entitled to the character of benevolent institutions, and the expense of which we may compare with that of war. In the year 1817, the whole expense of this Society was \$249; and in this time it had issued 2,696 copies of the Friend of Peace, or 674 copies each quarter, besides other publications. Suppose the same proportion of extra publications issued by Societies on a larger scale, the annual expense of war to the United States would furnish 108,273,092 copies of quarterly pamphlets, besides extra publications; nearly enough for every family in the world; and the expense of war to Great Britain, would supply the same to more than four times the families on the globe. Now we venture to express the belief that such a dispersion of pacific tracts, (if practicable) would be found ultimately a more efficacious & permanent security against war, than all the fleets and armies on which nations rely for their safety; and any people adopting this course, and practising justice, might more rationally hope for the protection of the Almighty, than those who put their trust in these boasted preparations.

By conjectural computation, we find it probable that the annual expense of war to Great Britain only, would pay the expense of a permanent general Congress of deputies from all Christian nations, for 30 or 40 years, which might be charged with international legislation, and the adjustment of all disputes, and thus remove every shadow of pretence for war, and even the possibility of its recurring. Again, the annual expense of war to Great Britain and the U. States together, would support public libraries all over the globe, by which gratuitous instruction might be afforded to every family. The expense of one year of war to each respective nation in the world, would fill their countries with roads, bridges and canals; and what will be thought more remarkable, the war expenses of the nations, by our calculations, would support all the paupers to be found in them.

But we forbear to fatigue your attention with any further enumeration of comparisons, which always terminate in a similar result. The consequences we consider ourselves enabled to draw from them with confidence is, that war is far the most costly as well as most pernicious of all human pursuits; and we think you must be satisfied that any benevolent object however extensive, may be attained with less means than the prosecution of war demands.

But we wish to present this subject once more to you in another combination; and to show you that not only each of the designs we have alluded to, might be accomplished by the expenditure of a short term of war, to one or two nations, but that the principal part of these objects may be attained together, by a minor portion of those burdens which Christian nations have imposed on themselves, for the maintenance of the recent wars in which they have been engaged since the French revolution.

If we consider the short peace of Amiens as a mere truce, the British government has been engaged in a war with France, from 1793, to 1815, a period of 22 years; during which the other nations of Europe have, with various intermissions, all taken part in the contest. By calculation from various documents, we estimate the cost of war to G. Britain, during that period to have been £720,000,000; or, \$3,200,000,000

The war expense of the same period to France, 16,687,000,000; \$3,130,000,000

To Austria, about

Germ. Flor. 2,000,000,000; \$1,000,000,000

Three years war to the United

States, in that period, \$120,000,000

Amounting to \$7,450,000,000

The expense to the other powers of Europe is not well known to us, but we consider it a very low estimation to add \$4,550,000,000

And we have \$12,000,000,000

As the probable expense of 22 years of war to Christian governments, since the commencement of the French revolution; without taking into view the losses to individuals. Now if we suppose they had remained at peace during this term, and had levied one fifth part only of this sum upon their citizens, leaving them unburdened with the other four fifths, they would have raised 2,400 millions of dollars, which might by concert have been applied to several of the objects we have enumerated.—Let us suppose it applied in the following manner.

1. To the establishment of schools on the Lancastrian plan over the globe, in which 64 millions of children could be constantly taught; which by computation on the foregoing data would cost for 22 years,

\$514,500,000

2. To the publication, and dispersion by missionaries, of the Scriptures in all languages; (20 millions annually is estimated to be required for the world,) 22 years would cost

508,500,000

3. To the maintenance of 30,000 missionaries, for 22 years by computation,

510,700,000

4. To the support of 40,000 ministers of the Gospel required for destitute churches in Christian countries at \$600 each, 22 years is

528,000,000

The whole would amount to \$2,152,000,000

Which would be defrayed by the forementioned sum of 2,400,000,000

Leaving a surplus of 248,000,000

To be applied to a general international Congress, or any other object required.

Thus we see that by refraining from the practice of war, and applying one fifth of its expense only in the manner here proposed, (by which it is believed national debts might be entirely avoided, and much burthen to the subjects removed;) all the inhabitants of the earth might receive the blessings of education, be converted to the saving knowledge of Christ, possess the inestimable gift of the Bible in their own language, and enjoy the advantages of religious instruction and civilization. Wars and all their tremendous consequences might be banished from the earth, and nations forming a vast peaceful brotherhood, would present to the eye of the philanthropic Christian, that delightful prospect of progress towards perfection, which the glowing language of prophecy teaches him to anticipate, and for the advancement of which it calls on him to bestow his zealous exertions. We ask Christians to contemplate this picture, unhappily yet only one of the imagination, to contrast it with the melancholly scene reality exhibits in this world, to compare what they might have done, with what they have done, and say if it is not now time to commence a new system, and hasten to repair the ravages ambition and delusion have occasioned.

The comparative statements now presented to you, we are sensible are slight, considered as information, and in the comments we have been led into upon them, we feel that we have trespassed much on your indulgence. In accordance with the plan stated in the commencement of this report, we have not thought it proper to produce any detached collections, on other subjects of our inquiries, not relating to the present comparisons; if what has been offered shall have a tendency to shew the real impolicy in a pecuniary view, independent of the other evil results of war, it may not be too much to hope, that rational and intelligent Christians may be led by these expositions, to such reflections as shall induce them to join their exertions to ours, to prevent the destruction of human life, of morals and happiness which war is perpetually spreading over the globe, and apply the resources which support it, to the amelioration and salvation of their fellow creatures.

PRESBYTERIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

From the Religious Remembrancer.

Nov. 29th, 1818.—A very respectable number of Ministers and Laymen convened at New-Brunswick, N. J. for the purpose of organizing a Society for the charitable education of poor and pious youth for the Gospel Ministry. The Rev. Dr. HULLYER, Chairman; and JOSEPH C. HORNEBLOWER, Esq. Sec'y. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Neill.

On motion,

Resolved, That the first Annual Meeting be held in the city of New-York, on the evening of the Anniversary Meeting of the American Bible Society.

After which they adopted the following CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called the "Education Society of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America."

ART. 2. The object of the Society shall be to assist indigent and pious young men, destined for the gospel ministry, in acquiring an academical education.

ART. 3. Every person paying two dollars annually shall be a member of this Society; & every person paying twenty dollars at one time, shall be a member for life.

ART. 4. The preference shall be given to young men who have in view a missionary life, and all who are aided by the funds, shall be held bound, if required by the

Board, or by that branch of the Society under which they were educated, to labour in Domestic Missions one year after their licensure; provided such labour shall not interfere with the authority of the Presbyteries under whose care they may be.

ART. 5. If any person who has been assisted by the Society shall, through his own fault, fail to enter upon the Gospel Ministry, he shall within a reasonable time, refund the money expended in his education, with lawful interest, wherever required by the Board, or by any branch of the Society under whose care he was educated.

ART. 6. To constitute a bond of union between the different branches of the Society, a Board of Directors shall be appointed to conduct the business of the Society, consisting of thirty-two members, exclusive of the officers; one half of which number shall be elected by the Society at its first meeting, and the other half by the Society at its first annual meeting; one fourth of the Directors thus elected, shall go out of office at the expiration of each year, in alphabetical order. The Board shall have the right of choosing annually their own President, a competent number of Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer; who shall be, ex officio, members of the Board; and also of filling any vacancies which may occur during the year. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The business of the Board shall be to appoint Executive Committees; to receive reports from them; to send out agents; to hold and invest funds; to appoint the exercises of the annual meetings of the Society; to publish whatever they may think proper, and to do every thing not expressly assigned to the executive committees.

ART. 7. Two Executive Committees, consisting of persons in or out of the Board, indifferently, shall be immediately appointed; one for the city of New-York, and the other for the city of Philadelphia; and similar committees may be appointed, from time to time, in other parts of the country. Each committee shall have power to make their own by-laws; to choose their own officers, including a Treasurer; to fill their own vacancies, and increase their own number at discretion; to collect funds for the common Treasury; to appropriate, without controul, the portion which falls to them, and to select young men, and educate them at any College or Seminary in the United States. They shall keep a record of all their proceedings, and yearly transmit to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, at least two months before the annual meeting of the Society, a report of the whole; particularizing the amount of the monies they shall have collected, and the number of young men under their care. Monies thus reported shall be at the disposal of the Board. The Committees shall be entitled to draw upon the common Treasury in proportion to the number of young men which they report as being under their care. If there be more than enough to allow to each a hundred and fifty dollars for the year, the Board shall decide whether to make a larger dividend, but shall have no power to alter the proportion. Each Committee shall divide their part among the young men at discretion: provided always, that the Board shall have power to suspend remittances of money to, or dissolve all connexion between them and any Executive Committee, or Auxiliary Society, whenever, in the opinion of the Board, such committee or society shall have abused the constitutional powers, or neglected their duty in providing funds.

ART. 8. Any Auxiliary Society which the Board approve, and any Presbytery, may have all the rights, by performing the duties, of an Executive Committee.

ART. 9. The annual meetings of the Society shall be held alternately in the city of New-York and in Philadelphia; in New-York on the evening of the Anniversary of the American Bible Society, and in Philadelphia on the first Tuesday evening after the opening of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

ART. 10. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution at any meeting of the Society, by the unanimous vote of the members present; or by the concurrence of two thirds of the members present, if such alteration shall have been proposed in writing at the previous annual meeting.

Officers and Directors of the Society.

President—Hon. Elias Bondinot, L. L. D. Vice Presidents—Rev. Drs. Eliphalet Nott, President of Union College, Henry Davis, Hamilton do. Charles Coffin, Greenville do. Timothy Alden, Meadville do. — Brown, the College at Athens, Ohio, His Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins, Vice President of the U. S. His Excellency De Witt Clinton, Governor of the State of New-York, Honourable Chancellor Kent, Judge Platt, Elisha Boudinot, Aaron Ogden, George Huntington, Esq. Robert Lenox, Esq. Richard Varrick, Esq. Gen. John M. Cumming, Rev. Dr. Peter Wilson, William Montgomery, Esq. Thomas Cumming, Esq. Augusta, G. Jacob Burnet, Esq. Cincinnati. Cor. Secretary—Rev. James Richards, D. D. Sec. Sec'y—Rev. M. LaRue Perrine, D. D. Treasurer—John Adams, Esq. Directors—Rev. Drs. Edward D. Griffin, Samuel Blatchford, John B. Romeyn, John McDowell, David Porter, Rev. Messrs. Gardiner Spring, Thomas H. Skinner, John Chester, John F. Clark, Messrs. Thomas Bradford, Eleazer Lord, Rensselaer Havens, Zachariah Lewis, Najah Taylor, Theodore Freelinghuysen, Saml. Holcomb.

In the Theological College of the Reformed Dutch Church at New-Brunswick, Penn. the 4th Nov. last, there were twenty-three young gentlemen preparing for the Gospel Ministry. Two new Professors have been appointed, and some other measures adopted to advance the interests of the institution.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Extract from the Report of the Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians and others in North America.—Nov. 5, 1818.

MISSIONS IN MAINE.

The Rev. John Sawyer has assiduously attended to the duties assigned him, as minister and instructor, at Williamsburg and the vicinity. He opened his school at Brownville for the winter early in December, and closed it in March. Without giving weekly details, he thinks it sufficient to say, "I have laboured with all my might." On the Lord's days he preached in Brownville, Sebect, No. 11, and Foxcroft; and visited and lectured as circumstances would admit. The whole number of pupils, that attended his school, was about 52. He has instructed them in reading, spelling, writing, grammar, and arithmetic, and "habitually endeavoured to improve their morals and religious information." How well directed has been the attention of the Society "to this much neglected part of the country," appears from a paragraph in his Journal. "By your aid I have been able to attend the education of neglected children, which has been near my heart more than twenty years, and was one of the most influential motives in my coming into the District of Maine. I have been more encouraged this year than at any time before, in view of the aid afforded for the due and proper instruction of children in these new settlements. I should long before this have been disheartened, but for the greatness of the object. Last fall I visited a neighbourhood, where I found their sons and daughters, of the age of 18 or 20 years, who could not read a word. I engaged a young woman, of good qualifications, to teach them three months. The first week she has 25 scholars, and only 4 of them could read the alphabet. A few miles distant, I visited a family of 13—parents and children—and neither parents nor child could read a sentence in the Word of God; and in the nearest house was a family of 7, in the same lamentable ignorance. In many places, the parents are not able to be at expense for the schooling of their children." On the whole, "the hopes" of our missionary "are strengthened much, in view of the benefits to the tender minds of the rising generation in this region."

The Rev. Daniel Lovejoy has performed a second mission of four months at Robbinstown and the vicinity, where he "was received with the same kind attention as before." The principal part of his time he spent at Robbinstown, where the people "seemed quite anxious to enjoy the regular administration of the word and ordinances of the gospel." He preached to them eleven Sabbaths, and on Thanksgiving day; administered the Lord's supper twice; admitted five members into the church; and baptized 4 children. He received from them \$73 for the benefit of the Society; also \$3.64 from a lady there, "who was a friend to the Society and to missions." At St. Andrews, in the British dominions, nearly opposite to Robbinstown, our missionary performed considerable service, on the invitation of some persons from that place, who attended meeting at Robbinstown. With commendable prudence, however, and in conformity to instructions, he previously visited and consulted the clergyman of the place, a minister of the church of England, more than four-score years old, who was unable to preach but once in a week; who very readily and cheerfully consented that he should preach in his parish; also, one of the principal magistrates, who assured him, that there were no objections, even by churchmen themselves, to his preaching there. He accordingly preached at St. Andrews nearly every Sabbath, at a third meeting, during his continuance at Robbinstown; and had much reason to hope that his labors were useful. The people attended remarkably well; and he had many more hearers in this place, than in any other where he preached during his mission. A number of individuals here voluntarily contributed for the benefit of the Society more than \$20. At Penhamaquam he preached one Sabbath, and several lectures. The people attended well, & contributed to the Society \$6, 70. At Dennysville he preached two Sabbaths, and several times on other days. The people attended, in considerable numbers, and with regularity, and contributed for the Society \$16, 86. At Orangetown he passed several days, & preached several times, and received for the Society from T. C. Esq. \$3, and from Mr. A. C. \$3, 80. At Plantation, No. 1. he preached many times, once on the Sabbath; at Seabrook, three Sabbaths. Wherever he preached, he visited, as far as convenient, from house to house. During his mission, he preached 69 times, attended 6 meetings for prayer and religious conversation, 2 funerals, and visited one school. The people were very desirous that a missionary should be employed in this region; a decisive and very honorable proof of which is perceived in the collective sum of contributions for the Society, amounting to no less than \$127, 84.

The Rev. Josiah Peet has continued to perform the service, assigned him at Norridgewock and the vicinity. During his mission he preached at Anson, Mercer, Starks, Solon, Canaan, Athens, Cornville, Fayette, Thomas, 3, Fairfield, and Madison. He preached 45 sermons, attended 8 religious meetings, administered the Lord's supper once, baptism twice, visited 9 sick persons, and about 80 families. He also attended the meetings of the "Ministerial Conference," and of the "County Association for the Reformation of Morals." To the last he devoted considerable time and labor. "This association is making some vigorous efforts to arrest the progress of intemperance." "During the whole of this

mission," observes the missionary, "I have found people unusually disposed to attend meetings, and unusually attentive when at meeting; and requests that I should repeat my labors among them have been more urgent. In many places in the vicinity there has been an unusual excitement to the concerns of religion, within the year." It is humiliating, however, to learn what irregularity and disorder are still prevalent under preachers, who "profess to receive their message directly from God, and therefore infer that learning is not necessary." With the continuance of the Society's aid, our prayers are requested "for the success of the gospel here;—that pure religion may be here revived; and that this wilderness may become as a watered garden."

The Rev. Nathan Douglas has performed a mission of two months at Alfred and the vicinity. At Shapleigh, where he labored one month, he spent his time in visiting from house to house, distributing Bibles, catechisms and tracts, and conversing freely upon the great doctrines and duties of religion; also in preaching in different parts of the town on week days, and in the Baptist meeting house on the Sabbath. In this place he preached 14 sermons, administered the Lord's supper once, baptized one child, and visited 98 families and 2 schools. He found here 12 families destitute of the Bible, and supplied them. "I find," he observes, "great reason to lament the neglect of early instruction in religious things. Here are parents, who were themselves instructed in the catechism, surrounded with children to whom even the first principles of religion have never been taught; and who know no more about catechisms than the heathen do about Bibles. Observing the omission of catechetical instruction "owing to negligence rather than prejudice," he was encouraged to press the importance of it upon parents. To make the more sensible impression, he "frequently examined the children before them, and, to their extreme mortification, found the children destitute of a knowledge of the existence of God!" "Who can look forward without weeping," he exclaims, "to the day when these children shall become parents themselves? I can entertain but a little hope, that they will ever give their children instruction until they themselves shall have line upon line, and precept upon precept. One instance of extreme and affecting ignorance I cannot forbear to mention. I visited a poor family, and found that the man and his wife were absent. I inquired of the oldest child then present, whether they owned a Bible. She replied, that they did not. I then asked her, if she ever read the Bible at all. She answered me in the negative. Wishing to know whether she could read, I then put that question to her, and handed her Dr. Watts's Advice to Children, observing, that if she would read a few words of it, she might have it. Her desire to read could not be more sensibly manifested than by the effect it had upon her. She made great exertions, and confessed she could not read. I gave her the tract, and promised to give them a Bible; which afterwards performed. This gift was no less effectual in drawing forth a flood of tears from him, who had been distinguished as an ungrateful father, a dissipated man, an open opposer to all religion. His daughter was 17 years of age." The last of the first four Sabbaths he spent in the west parish by an urgent request; and administered the Lord's supper in the presence of a crowded and very attentive assembly. The church consists of about 20 members. They have been greatly divided by sectarians, "whose influence," our missionary observes, "has now almost ceased in these parts."

"With respect to Alfred," he writes, "it has pleased God to refresh my heart and the hearts of all his followers." When I first became acquainted here, they were in a very broken and distressing condition. They soon began to be united, and moved for my settlement. Finding their numbers and means small, I agreed to settle with them on condition of a reserve of time for missionary purposes." Mr. Douglas was ordained at Alfred Nov. 8, 1817. Since that time he has baptized here 16 children, and received 25 persons into the church, which now consists of 60 communicants. There appears an increasing disposition in the Society to do something for religious purposes; and should they have aid for a few years, the hope is expressed, "that they will endeavor to do without, and even contribute much for the general cause."

The Rev. Freeman Parker has performed a mission of two months at Dresden and the vicinity. His labors were employed in Dresden, Pittston, Bowdoinham & Litchfield. After the religious exercises at Pittston at a meeting of inquiry, "the object of which was to ascertain the general state of religion, the want of Bibles, and the disposition to hear the word—he was informed, that there were in that part of the town [East Parish] from 15 to 20 families which, with the exception of three or four Roman Catholics, are generally attached to the Congregational order, that they were from three to four miles from any place of worship (and that of the Methodists); that only one sermon had been preached among them since their first settlement, about 15 years; that no missionary had before ever visited them; and that they were so poor as even to be neglected by Methodist preachers. They were thankful for this attention of our missionary, and very desirous that he should visit them again; to which he readily consented. At a similar meeting of inquiry in Litchfield, he was informed that a Congregational church, consisting at present of about 20 members, was organized in that vicinity seven years ago; that about 20 families were informally connected with it for the purposes of worship; that they had a small meeting house in which they constantly assembled on the

Sabbath, for social reading, singing & prayer; that they had suffered grievous trials from sectarian persecution; that they had preaching from 8 to 12 Sabbaths a year, chiefly from the Maine Missionary Society. Only one family was known to be without a Bible, which he supplied. They had a small, religious social library; to which our missionary added Bishop Wilson's work, "believing it might be more useful in that situation, than given to a single family." Mr. Parker preached 33 sermons, visited nearly 60 families, and the sick in ten instances; attended 2 funerals, baptized 2 children, and received one person into full communion. [To be continued.]

Late Missionary Intelligence.

From the Missionary Chronicle, for Dec. 1818.

OTAHEITE.

By letters which have just arrived from the brethren at Eimeo, dated Dec. 1817, we have received the gratifying intelligence, that Mr. Threlkeld, who embarked from England in the Atlas, January, 1816, and remained some time at Rio, in consequence of the illness of Mrs. T.; Mr. Barf, who embarked in the Surrey the following summer, & who was detained some months at New South Wales by the indisposition of Mrs. B.; and Messrs. Darling, Bourne, Platt, and Williams, who sailed in the Harriet, from Gravesend, on the 18th of Nov. in the same year; had all arrived safe at Eimeo, in the Active, on the 18th of Nov. 1817, being exactly one year from the time of the departure of the latter brethren from Gravesend.

From these letters we learn that all the brethren and sisters, except Mr. Davies, & Mrs. Ormond, were well; that the general circumstances of the Mission, and of the islands, continued much the same as on the departure of the despatches of July and September, 1817; and that a separation of a part of the Missionaries in Eimeo, to distant stations in Otaheite and the leeward islands, was expected shortly to take place, in consequence of the forward state of the vessel that had been built by the Missionaries, and the arrival of the abovementioned brethren, the total number being then sixteen.

Mr. Darling, in his letter of December 3, 1817, says—

"I cannot close without noticing what has struck me with astonishment and delight—a whole group of islands, the inhabitants of which were a few years ago gross idolaters, now the professed worshippers of the living and true God, and Jesus Christ his Son! And could you but witness their assemblies, you would be constrained to say. Surely they are more than mere professors? I believe many of them are true professors! It may well be said of them, as it was of Paul, 'Behold they pray!' They have prayer meetings among themselves; the numbers that attend, and their apparent devotion, exceed what I ever saw. I believe there is scarcely a house where family prayer is not regularly performed. The Capt. of the vessel we came in has been round the island, and he informs me that at all the places where he called, there was a house of prayer; and that where he stopped all night, the people would not converse with him till after prayer. They are examples in this to thousands, who have been privileged with the gospel for many years."

Upon receipt of the supply of paper from the British and Foreign Bible Society, by the newly arrived Missionaries, it was resolved to extend the revised edition of the gospel by Luke, then printing, to 3000 copies.

Translation of a letter from Pomare, king of Otaheite, to Mr. John Eyre, at Paremattua, Moorea, Afareaitu, July 2, 1817.

Very good Friend—May you be saved by Jesus Christ the true Saviour, by whom alone we can be saved. The word of God has taken root (or made mightily to grow) in Tahiti, and also at Raiatea. There are none of these lands left but have received the word of the true God. There are not remaining so much as one of the base idols in any of these lands; they are totally destroyed (or demolished), having been burnt in the fire. Jehovah alone is universally worshipped by the people of these countries. Jehovah himself caused his word to take root, and therefore it succeeds. It was not by our power or ability that it took root; for what ability have we? we have no power or ability. God himself is the supreme cause of his word being universally received in these lands. Now they are highly honoured by their having received the excellent word of the true God. Their obedience of the word of God has made them great (or illustrious.) Verily we have ceased all our ancient bad customs; they are universally cast off. Stealing, fornication, infant slaughter, drunkenness, &c. &c. are all totally and universally abandoned. Perhaps there is still remaining much evil in man's heart not yet cast off (or come to a dissolution,) but continues concealed within, in the hidden recesses of the heart. God only can so work as to cause its entire overthrow.

How is it that you are so attached to your residence at Port Jackson? Have you no thoughts towards Tahiti? Tahiti is now happy (or in a state of contentment). My affection for you continues unabated, my good friend. Where does Mr. Youle reside? It is commonly reported, that he dwells in a remote country. Is it a true report? Write to me that I may know. Let me have all the information you can send; let me know all the news of Port Jackson; write to me particularly, that I may know. I have one small request to make, my good friend. Do not think unfavourably of me for it. Send me some paper and quills, a good quantity. You need not be careful of the quality of the paper. If it should be

indifferent, send it, that I may proceed with my dictionary. I have no paper to go on with my dictionary. I am writing a dictionary. I have two copies that I wish to go on with; but I find it difficult to arrange (or collect) words to complete my dictionary. Perhaps it will not soon be done.

Mr. Ellis, Mr. Crook, and Mr. Davies are preparing to publish the Bible. It is at Afareaitu where they are preparing. Monday, the 30th of June, they began to make preparations. When they have finished making their preparations, they will publish the Gospel of Luke, the Psalms of David, the Book of Jonah and also of Job. There is a great mortality this season. My wife Tarutaria is very ill. Perhaps she will die. The termination of life we know not. But God knows. With him is life (or salvation).

May you be saved by Jehovah, and Jesus Christ our Saviour, by whom alone we can be saved.

KING POMARE, of Tahiti, &c.

BELLARY.—INDIA.

A LETTER has been received from Mr. Reeve, dated Jan. 29, 1818, which states that the Lord has not left himself without witness in that place, especially among Europeans. More than fifty men have been added to the Church within the last 18 months. "You will rejoice," says Mr. R. "to hear that we have now the speakable pleasure of recognizing among our Societies the triple glory of Christendom—a Missionary Society—a Tract Society—and now a Bible Society; not confined to Europeans, we have two Africans and one Hindoo, who aid the funds of regular and liberal subscriptions."

MADRAS.

Mr. PRITCHETT, of Vizagapatam, is at Madras, superintending the printing of his Telinga translation of the New Testament, which has been adopted by the Cutta Auxiliary Bible Society. Two thousand copies are to be printed.

Mr. Pritchett, referring to the difficulties of his missionary labours at Vizagapatam, says, "The great obstacle in the way of this people's conversion is not the chain of Caste, but a general persuasion that God is the author of moral evil; that he is identically the same with the own spirits; and that they are wholly accountable and guiltless: they are therefore totally unconcerned. These must be renounced before they become capable of repentance and faith in Christ."

CALCUTTA.

Extract from Mr. Keith's Journal, Calcutta, 1817.

APRIL 10. This being one of the Hindoo holidays, a great number of people passed my house, with all their horrid idols of music. On looking out, I saw a dancing, with two cords through his head and neck adorned with flowers. Other parties followed, some of whom bore iron rods, about half an inch broad and an inch and a half thick, which they thrust through their sides, and others through their tongues; they were of various lengths, some of them 3 and others 6 cubits long.

Mr. Keith earnestly requests more missionaries. "In my judgment," he says, "hundred missionaries would not be too many for Calcutta and its environs; they might all preach to different congregations at the same time."

BERBICE.

Mr. WRAY had a safe voyage to Berbice where he arrived July 17, and has entered again upon his labours. The poor negro welcomed his return, and again delighted to attend his ministry. Many slaves estates long for instruction. The house New Amsterdam, in which they meet for worship, is too small; a commodious chapel is therefore about to be erected.

ST. PETERSBURGH.

A LETTER has been received from Mr. Swan, dated Oct. 12, 1818, from which we learn that his ministry on Lord's day evenings is well attended, as are also the daily prayer meetings for the spread of the gospel. We are glad to find that our countrymen in Russia take so much interest in the cause of missions.

Mr. Swan has begun the study of Russ, under an able teacher; this language appears to be necessary, as the only medium through which the Mongolian and other languages can be acquired. Mr. Swan will continue at St. Petersburg until next summer, when it is hoped that he will be joined by another Missionary to England, and then proceed to the place of his destination.

DEPUTATION TO AFRICA.

The Rev. John Campbell of Kingsland and the Rev. John Philip, late of Aberdeen, having, after mature deliberation, accepted the invitation of the Directors to visit Africa on the business of the Society, were solemnly set apart to their great undertaking at Kingsland Chapel, on Lord's evening, November 8, in the presence of the church and congregation to which Mr. Campbell has long ministered.

Mr. Yockney, of Islington, prayed, suitable address, introductory to the business of the Meeting, was delivered by Collison, of Hackney. Mr. Mitchell, Newington, commended the brethren to God in solemn prayer, earnestly imploring the divine blessing upon them. The secretary gave them a word of exhortation chiefly by way of encouragement. Mr. Campbell then took leave of his people, a very animated and affecting address, which was followed by another appropriate and solemn address by Mr. Philip. Vowles, of Edmonton, concluded with prayer. A more interesting, heart-affecting solemnity has seldom been witnessed in the British churches.

THE RECORDER.

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A Society has recently been organized in Savannah, called the 'INDUSTRIOUS CIRCLE,' consisting of twenty-three members, young ladies. The object of the society is to clothe such indigent children as will regularly attend the Free school, Sabbath schools, and church. Thirty needy and deserving objects have already been found; and it is hoped by the members that the institution will be eventually successful in rescuing many from habits of indolence and vicious practices, and training them to become useful members of society.

A Sermon was preached in New-York, on Sabbath evening the 17th, by the Rev. Mr. Mathews, from Esther, 2d chapter, 7th verse, when notwithstanding the pressure of the times, a collection of upwards of six hundred dollars was taken up for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum.

CONCORD SABBATH SCHOOL.

For the Recorder.

Mr. WILKIN.—The writer of this would avoid, on the one hand, every thing that might appear ostentatious, and on the other, whatever might reasonably be thought a concealment of useful facts and salutary examples. Most of the accounts of Sabbath Schools, which I have read, have appeared to me too particular, and to have a tendency to inflate the minds of children with worldly pride and ambition, and to study to the impressions of truth. In this opinion I may be erroneous, and my mind is open to conviction. With present impressions, I shall give a brief account of the Sabbath School in Concord, Mass.

The first school of this kind was opened in 1810, by a young lady who was convinced of the utility and importance of that method of instruction, and was afterwards encouraged in the undertaking by publications of that period on the subject. The minister of the town favored the plan, and was fully convinced, that it was one of the best methods of instilling religious knowledge into the minds of children, and preparing them for the higher instructions of a preached gospel. Considerable exertions were made in private and public to induce parents and heads of families to send their children, & to establish similar schools. After the school mentioned, had continued 4 or 5 years, in the pleasant season, several young ladies cheerfully accepted the proposal to open Sabbath Schools in the centre of the town. They were encouraged and succeeded beyond expectation. But the people were not induced generally and cordially to attend to the subject, until the Circular, &c. from the Committee in Boston, respecting Sabbath Schools, was publicly communicated, and its object and plan warmly recommended.

Early in June last, a large school of about 130, was opened, classed, and instructed by eleven instructors, four males and seven females, superintended by the Grammar School-Master, and under the inspection of a large Committee, chosen for the purpose. The behaviour and progress of the scholars in general were highly pleasing and commendable; and the beneficial effects were evident. They were taught in Catechisms, Cummings' Questions, the Bible, Psalms and Hymns. Religious and moral instruction adapted to the ages and capacities of the scholars was given. And it was pleasant and animating to see among them about 20, who might more properly be called youth than children. On a comparison of the general and individual attainments of the scholars in this town, with the attainments in other towns, as published, the children here have no reason to blush, nor to be reluctant to future exertions. Several ladies still continue to teach, at their respective homes; and a goodly number appear happy in attending. In some of the distant parts of the town, individuals have adapted the school to the wants of the Sabbath; but it was found that it was too fatiguing for many of the children to return from public worship and attend the school. It is expected, when the spring shall open, there will be more general and increased attention to this excellent mode of instruction. To me it is matter of regret and wonder, that any religious person, or parish, should oppose, or even neglect, Sabbath Schools; especially since the experiment has been made, and the benefit is so generally acknowledged. I know of but one serious objection to this plan of communicating useful and religious knowledge to the rising generations:—it is the difficulty of procuring suitable instructors in many places. Connected with this objection are the ill consequences of improper instruction by unqualified teachers. In common learning, it is admitted, that a bad method of teaching the first rudiments may be really injurious. Very much must be undone by the next instructor before any valuable progress can be made. And thus it may be in moral instruction; a wrong bias may be given, both as to matter and manner. But shall we therefore neglect our children, and withhold from them needed instruction in the most promising method that has been devised? As well might parents say, we will send our children no more to reading and writing schools, because they have not been taught properly at the beginning. Let there be care in the selection of instructors in proportion to the magnitude of the object, and let God be gloriously sought & trusted for his blessing. If in some places persons well qualified and willing to do the service cannot be found, the minister might himself attend, at least frequently, and in a familiar, serious, and pious manner, teach and counsel the lambs of his flock, who would cheerfully collect around him, and with respectful attention receive instruction from his lips.

A Friend to Sabbath Schools.

CONGRESS.

An account of the proceedings of Congress to the 22d inst. inclusive, has been received. The House had been engaged for five days, on the Resolutions proposed by Mr. Cobb, of Georgia, disapproving Gen. Jackson's conduct in the Seminole War. Messrs. Cobb, Clay, T. H. Nelson, Johnson, of Virginia, and Talmadge, of N. York, have spoken in favour of the Resolutions, and Messrs. Johnson, of Kentucky, Emythe, of Virginia, and Jones, of Tennessee, against them.

MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE—Jan. 22—24.

A statement of the concerns of the State Prison, was received from the Warden; by which it appears, that there were 363 convicts within its walls, on the 30th Sept. last. The expenses of the Prison are stated at \$5,182 dollars 9 cts.—Receipts 41,424 dls. 54 cts.

Salem Towne Esq. has been elected Major General for the 7th Division of the Militia. Messrs. Colton, Reddington and Hunt, were appointed a Com. to consider the expediency of giving to Mechanics, who are employed in building houses, a lien upon such buildings, for their labor and expenditure in and about the same.

Tuesday, Jan. 26.—The Hon. Messrs. Ritchie and Fessenden, (to which Messrs. Reddington, Emory and Crane are joined by the House) were appointed to consider the expediency of making provision by law for preventing all incorporated Banks within this Commonwealth from receiving on deposit or otherwise, any bills or notes of Banks not incorporated with this Commonwealth, excepting bills of the U. S. Bank & its branches.

Thursday, Jan. 28.—The question was taken by yeas and nays, on the acceptance of the Report of the Committee on Elections, not entitled to their seats; and the Report was accepted—Yeas 101, Nays 20.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

New-York, Jan. 23.

On the 6th, inst. we published a letter from Captain Hain, of sloop Henry, of Albany, giving a melancholy account of the wreck of his vessel, and the loss of every person on board but himself, including two Passengers, a Mr. Campbell and a Mr. Kinley. A young gentleman of this city informed us yesterday that the latter name is incorrect, and that the second passenger in the sloop was the Rev. John I. Kirby, formerly a Tutor in Union College, Schenectady, and lately settled in the Ministry at a place near Newburyport, in Massachusetts. The Rev. Mr. Kirby, after his arrival in this city, on his way to Charleston, for the benefit of his health, was disappointed in his expectation of a passage on another vessel, and anxious to proceed without delay, embarked on board the Henry. Our informant cannot be mistaken, as he was well acquainted with Mr. Kirby, accompanied him to the vessel, & saw him embark.

Loss of the William.—The Alexandria Gazette contains a particular account of the loss of the brig William, Captain Nowland, of Philadelphia. By this account it appears that the William left Cape Henlopen on the 3d of September, bound to Cork, with a cargo of cotton and staves. On the 6th she sprung a leak in a severe gale. Both pumps were continually employed to keep her free until the gale abated, when the leak decreased. On the 26th she again encountered a severe gale, and the leak increased to an alarming degree. Both pumps were continually at work for upwards of 50 hours, and the leak of staves was thrown overboard. Still the water gained rapidly. On the 20th the water being two feet deep in the cabin, and no hope remaining of her floating through another night, the Captain, Passengers, and the crew, were preparing to leave her in the long boat, when they providentially discovered a sail in the S. W. They immediately gave signals of distress, and bore away for her. She proved to be the British Ketch Fame, Magers Ormand, master, who very humanely received them on board, together with what few articles they could save. When they left the William, late in the afternoon, the quarter deck was fast separating from the main deck, and the plank of the wales coming off under the main chains. The Ketch lay by her all night, in order to endeavor to save something more, but at daylight no vestige was seen, although staves were floating in every direction. The crew were safely landed in Liverpool about the middle of October.

General Count Lallemand, has declared his intention, before the District Court of the United States, at New-Orleans, to become a citizen of the United States, as soon as the terms prescribed by the naturalization act will permit. He has hired a small farm in the vicinity of New-Orleans, where, it is said, he intends to spend the remainder of his days.

FOREIGN NEWS.

St. Petersburg Nov. 4.—Accounts received from the Harbor of St. Peter and St. Paul say, that the Kamtschatka frigate, commanded by Captain Golownin, arrived there on the 3d of May, (O. S.) having happily completed the half of her voyage round the world, in eight months and eight days. She brings also the news that Captain Lieutenant Hagemeister, with two ships belonging to the American Company, sailed a short time before him from Lima.

Vienna Nov. 24.—Letters from Constantinople announce, that the Tartar hordes of the Caucasus, under the orders of a Bey, have taken arms against the Russians, and invaded a part of Georgia.

London Dec. 5.—It is reported here, that since our discovery ships, an American vessel has entered Baitin's Straits and Bay. It penetrated into Sir James Lancaster's Strait, where it found a depth 100 fathoms, the water warm; it continued its course with great hopes, it is said, of succeeding in the attempt to find thro' that Strait, a passage into Behring Straits.

Though the several powers are recalling their armies from France, they all appear to be no less attentive to maintaining their usual military establishment, and, under some pretext or other, are calling forth their new levies. Levies of recruits have been ordered in both Austria and Prussia; that of the former is to the amount of 32,000 men; and it is observed that notwithstanding her relations with Constantinople, Austria is determined to co-operate with the powers in suppressing the pirates of Algiers.

A letter from Tunis, of the 1st Nov. contains the following passage:—

"The plague having commenced its annual ravages, trade is paralyzed. From two to three hundred persons die daily, but as yet Mahomedans are the only victims; the Christians, as well as the Jews, preserve themselves by means of precautions, which the Alcoran prohibits Mussulmen from using. The plague does not appear this year to be of so malignant a nature as in preceding years; we are not, however, the less obliged to keep ourselves shut up, the contagion being communicated not only by contact, but by communication with persons afflicted."

ARRIVAL OF THE PEACOCK.

The Peacock, American sloop of war, arrived at Norfolk, left the American squadron at Syracuse the 15th Nov. the officers and their men generally well. The Spark sailed the same day for Tripoli, with Mr. Jones, American Consul to the Regency, as passenger. The Frigate United States was to sail for the United States as soon as she could be relieved by the Guerriere, which was soon expected, as the latter sailed from Gibraltar for Syracuse the day the Peacock left the latter for the United States. Capt. Gamble, of the Erie died at Pisa, the 8th Oct. and was succeeded in command of the vessel by Capt. Ballard, of the Franklin. An American officer of marines had embraced the Mahometan religion at Constantinople. An affair of honor, [or rather a dishonorable affair], took place between two midshipmen of the American squadron a short time before the P. sailed, in which Mr. Broadley, of Baltimore, was killed. [Balt. paper.]

Capt. Soper, arrived at N. York, from the Spanish Maine, informs, that Com. Aury remained at Old Providence with his squadron of four vessels. He had recently sent in a few prizes of small value. It was said he was waiting for reinforcements to make a descent upon the Maine. Col. Irwin, who was lately distinguished at Amelia Island, died at Old Providence, on the 30th Sept.

MARRIAGES.

At Brookline, Capt. Luther Thayer, of Randolph, to Mrs. Elizabeth Davis.—At Portsmouth, Mr. Daniel Bailey, to Miss Olive C. Wendell.—At Newport, Rev. Ebenezer Colman, pastor of the Congregational Church at Tiverton, to Miss Abby Pitman, dau. of Thomas G. Pitman, Esq.—At Hallowell, Mr. Jonathan Johnson, to Miss Olive Johnson.—At Tyngsborough, Mr. Timothy Davis, jr. mer. of Billerica, to Miss Susan S. Lawrence.—At Keene, Mr. Nathan Wood, to Miss Harriet Shurtliff.—At Saco, Mr. William W. Cleaves, Post-Master, to Miss Jane J. Morrell.—At Falmouth, Capt. Samuel Titcomb, to Miss Elizabeth Thompson.—At Sandwich, Mr. William Swift, to Miss Aurelia Parker; Mr. Joshua Nye, to Miss Mary Briggs; Mr. Samuel Jones, to Miss Nabby Higgins; Mr. Ezra Tobey, to Miss Betsey Bassett; Mr. John Fessenden, to Miss Esther Christie.

At New-Orleans, Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury, missionary at the Choctaw Agency, to Miss Sarah B. Varnum, recently of Draout, in this State.

DEATHS.

In Boston, David Talmage, aged 46; lately from Guadalupe; Mr. Wm. T. Hammett, aged 44; Mrs. Mary Cermenati, aged 32; Miss Martha Abrams, aged 12; Mr. John Sweetser Lillie, jr. 22. Maria, youngest child of Dea. John E. Tyler, 16 m. At Roxbury, Capt. Nathaniel Winchester, aged 27.—At Canton, Abner Crane, Esq. aged 82.—At Gloucester, Abigail, daughter of John Rogers, Esq. aged 24.—At Taunton, Dea. Ebenezer Dean, aged 89.—At Portsmouth, Mrs. Elizabeth Pierce, aged 68; Mrs. Nancy Hill, wife of Mr. Wm. Hill, aged 31; suddenly, Mr. Joseph Marden, aged 70.—At Dover, Mrs. Ruth Rollins, aged 40.—At Southampton, Mr. Bela Strong, aged 33, son of Dea. Rowell Strong.—At Northampton, Mr. Nathaniel Edwards, 3d, aged 54; Mr. Benj. Wilson, aged 48; Miss Abigail Graves, aged 31; Miss Evelyn Jewett, aged 12.—At Berkley, Mrs. Nancy Shove, aged 20.—At Middleboro', Mrs. Zebiah Bourne, aged 66, wife of Mr. Lemuel B.—At Bedford, Mrs. Hannah, wife of Capt. William Goodrich, aged 53.—At Providence, Benj. Settle, Esq. aged 78; Mr. Metcalf Bowler, jr. mer.—At Portland, Mrs. Mary Jones, aged 50.—At Winthrop, Dea. Eliphalet Packard, aged 61.—At Salem, Mr. George Lopes, aged 30; Mr. Benjamin Pickering, aged 50.—At Greenwich, widow Catharine May, late of Jamaica Plain, aged 74.

At New-York, Rev. Thomas Thorp.

At Louisville, Ken. Mrs. Eunice, consort of Mr. Daniel Hewes, formerly of Boston.

In Western, Mass. 18th ult. Mrs. Polly Tidd, wife of Deacon Samuel Tidd, aged 31. Her death was occasioned by a sudden fall from a wagon, after which, she survived a little more than three days. In the death of this worthy woman, an husband is bereft of an affectionate companion, parents of a beloved child, and the church of a shining ornament.—Communicated.

Memoirs of Obookiah.

SAMUEL T. ARMSTRONG No. 50 Cornhill has just received MEMOIRS OF HENRY OBOOKIAH, a native of Owyhee, and a member of the FOREIGN MISSION SCHOOL; who died at Cornwall, Con. February 17th, 1818, aged 26 years. To which are prefixed the Sermon delivered at his FUNERAL by Rev. LYMAN BEECHER, A. M. and Mr. DAGGETT'S Inaugural Address delivered at the opening of the Foreign Mission School. The whole are comprised in a neat 18mo vol. which is embellished with a handsome LIKENESS OF MR. OBOOKIAH. Price 50 cts. bound.

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SCRIPTURE DIRECTORY.

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The Scripture Directory will be printed in a neat duodecimo form, on good paper and fair type, and contain about 300 pages, it will be afforded to subscribers at \$1 bound and 75 cents in boards.

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CLASSIFICATION OF WATTS.

JAMES LORING.

THIS day has published, price 75 cents, a neat edition of an ARRANGEMENT OF THE PSALMS, HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS of the Rev. ISAAC WATTS, D. D. To which are added, INDEXES very much enlarged and improved: By which the use of the whole is made easy in finding Psalms or Hymns suited to particular subjects or occasions. By JAMES M. WISE, A. M. Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Boston.

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3. It contains the names of tunes adapted to each Psalm or Hymn, together with the flats or sharps, by which the leader in singing may be assisted in selecting their appropriate tunes.

4. The whole forms but one volume of convenient pocket size, the price of which is very little more than that of the common editions of Watts. Every person must acknowledge, that if these advantages are secured, the edition will be preferable to any that has ever been published in this country; as it will allow those who are able, and are desirous of procuring new Psalm Books to accommodate themselves, while others can continue the books they have in the same church, without confusion or inconvenience. Jan. 30.

Cheap Religious Tracts.

A Variety of Odd Numbers of the Christian Observer, very suitable for distribution, for sale at the same price as the Tracts of the New-England Society, by D. HALE, at his Store, Corner of Summer-street and Newbury-st. Jan. 30.

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POETRY.

For the Boston Recorder.

FAREWELL.

WHEN weary of tumult and noise,
 'Tis then that I gladly retire,
 And seize on the rational joys
 Which circle the cottage fire;
 And there in the bosom of peace,
 My griefs and my cares I repel,
 Too fondly imagine they'll cease,
 And gladly I bid them Farewell.
 From claims of society free,
 No more in its vortex I'm whirl'd,
 My fears and my jealousies flee,
 And leave me at peace with the world:
 And then in seclusion, I feel
 Emotions which form such a spell,
 As vainly I strive to conceal,
 At bidding a painful Farewell.
 What sweet recollections arise,
 In tracing the scenes of my youth,
 When virtue illum'd the eyes
 With innocence, beauty and truth;
 These days like a vision have fled,
 Yet still on their image I dwell,
 Till lost in oblivion's shade,
 I sigh a reluctant Farewell.
 The friends to my memory dear,
 Still cling to this wandering breast,
 And claim at our parting, a tear,
 The flow of a feeling suppress'd:
 How strong such attachments can bind,
 These numbers but feebly can tell;
 With the folds of my heart are entwined
 The friends I now bid a Farewell.
 Altho' at such parting we grieve,
 There's a solace, a balm for the mind,
 The fond recollection, we leave
 Such lasting endearments behind;
 On these in our sorrows we lean,
 And on these our fancy will dwell;
 And nought our affections can wean
 From the scene of a tender Farewell.
 My lyre, which so often has wrung
 From pain a delicious repose,
 Reluctant, I now leave unstrung,
 A solace no more for my woes:
 Yet if its unmusical strain
 Could a doubt or a sorrow dispel,
 I'd wake its rude echoes again,
 Nor bid it a final Farewell.
 And O! that Religion's bright beam
 May ever illumine my way;
 Thro' clouds of adversity gleam
 The cheering effulgence of day;
 A star on this ocean of strife,
 A guide on the floods as they swell,
 Till I bid the rude tempests of life
 A peaceful and final Farewell!

Bridgewater, Jan. 22, 1819.

MISCELLANY.

THE CRUSADES.

[The London Baptist Magazine, in a series of Historical Essays, gives the following account of those unchristian Expeditions of former times, the Popish Crusades. How much more consistent with the spirit of the Gospel, how much more economical, and how much more likely to succeed in extirpating infidelity from the "holy city," is the recent Mission to Jerusalem, must be evident to every candid reader.]

The crusades, or croisades, from the French word *croix*, a cross, signified wars carried on against infidels under the banner of the cross: hence the adventurers were decorated with a cross on their right shoulders. They commenced in the year 1096, and originated in a superstitious veneration for those places that were distinguished by the principal events of the Redeemer's life; and for those objects that were pronounced, from their connexion with those events, to be sacred relics; hence, a succession of pilgrims, assembling from every Christian country, were seen paying their devotions at the holy sepulchre; and so little was the simplicity of the gospel dispensation understood, that a toilsome journey to Jerusalem was more than equivalent to a life of regularity and usefulness at home.

The propensity which, directed by enthusiasm, led to these excesses, is far less surprising than the excesses themselves. The curiosity we feel to visit the sites of some great events, or the birth-place of some illustrious character; our eagerness to handle some ancient relic, or snatch a fragment of some venerable ruin, if not restrained by reason, and corrected by piety, might very easily hurry us into the extravagance of enthusiasm, and the iniquity of superstition; indeed, which of us can say, he should be the subject of no immoderate sensations, if he could behold the sepulchre in which the Saviour lay, or the cross on which he suffered? but it deserves remark, that the great Disposer of events has checked this propensity, by suffering time to destroy the materials, and even the enemies of religion to possess the places, which its professed friends are prone to idolize.

The Turks took the city of Jerusalem from the Saracens in 1065, and began to treat the devotional visitors with far less respect and ceremony, and it soon became hazardous to undertake the exemplary pilgrimage. This was the more irritating, from the opinion which then prevailed, that the 1000 years mentioned in the 20th chapter of the Revelations were fulfilled, and that Christ was about to make his appearance in Palestine to judge the world, which considerations increasing the merit, and even the necessity of these pilgrimages, rendered them much more frequent.

Pope Gregory VII. therefore formed the design of uniting the powers of Europe in the attempt of wresting the favourite country from the grasp of the Mahometans; but his encroachments on the privileges of princes, had rendered them too suspicious of his designs, to become the agents in his plans. But a native of Amiens, Peter, commonly called the Hermit, having made the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, returned so deeply affected with the dangers to which the poor travellers were exposed, and with the oppression under which the Eastern Christians laboured, and entertained the bold, and apparently wild, idea, of leading sufficiently powerful armies to subdue the infidel nations. He submitted his plan to Pope Martin II. who, though aware of the

advantage that must accrue to Rome from its execution, was too prudent to hazard disappointment without greater plausibility of success. He therefore, summoned an immense multitude at Placentia, which he denominated a Council; consisting of 4,000 ecclesiastics, and 30,000 seculars. As no hall could contain them, they met in a plain; and so impressive were the harangues of the Pope and Peter in behalf of the persecuted pilgrims and oppressed Christians of the East, that the devoted crowd declared for the meritorious undertaking.

Encouraged by his success in Italy, and actuated by the deepest policy, Martin thought it necessary to engage the more warlike nations of Europe, and therefore dispatched Peter to visit the most important cities, and to endeavour to interest the most powerful sovereigns in the enterprise. The fame of the great and glorious design being now generally diffused, a second Council was held at Clermont, in Auvergne, which was attended by the greatest prelates and nobles of the day. Such a dignified assemblage gave new zeal to the Pope and the Hermit, who renewing their pathetic addresses, so wrought on the passions of the auditory, whose enthusiasm the very concourse was calculated to excite, that, as with one voice, they exclaimed, in supposed ominous language, "It is the will of God." This serious sentence, uttered by the multitude on so memorable an occasion, was regarded with more attention, than even the oracular decisions of the ancients. It became ever after their motto, as well as their signal of assemblage and battle on succeeding occasions. How often, in pursuing the pages of history, and even in the observation of modern times, have we to lament over the mistaken and misguided zeal of popular assemblies! How cautiously should they be attended, especially by the young, lest the momentary impulse of some unhallowed passion should so terminate, as to lay the foundation of lasting remorse!

The state of England favoured the romantic undertaking. Ignorance and superstition completely subjected the public mind to the domination of clerical power, which procured present misery, and awarded eternal ruin to the disobedient.—The military spirit, too, was generally diffused; and the practice of the nobles, in making war with each other, in redress of their private wrongs, greatly contributed to its preservation. A man's safety depended more on his prowess and his alliances, than on the protection of the laws: valour was the great virtue of the day. Such a state of society, therefore, was highly favourable to the enthusiastic project; and such was its popularity, that the Princess Anna Comnena observes, in her history, "all Europe, torn from its foundation, seemed ready to precipitate itself in one united body on Asia." Nobles, artisans, peasants, and priests, alike engaged in the undertaking, as the high road to heaven; and cowardice or impetuosity was affixed to the characters of the reluctant. In the exercise of hope, the nobles, awarding to themselves the opulent establishments of the East, sold their present possessions, that they might be unencumbered, and suitably equipped. The aged and infirm co-operated in the undertaking by presents; and even females, forgetful of the nature and the duties of their sex, shamelessly joined the army in disguise. Such extraordinary volunteers, while they presented a motley group, formed almost a countless multitude, and apprehensions were entertained that the magnitude of the armament would prove the cause of its overthrow. The leaders, therefore, in order to render their forces the more manageable, sent forward the undisciplined, to the number of 300,000, under the direction of Peter the Hermit, and Walter, (commonly called the Moneyless). These took the road through Hungary and Bulgaria, towards Constantinople, unprovided, trusting to the merit of their cause, and the miraculous interposition of that Holy Being, whose will they had declared their project to be. A conduct which, however ridiculous and preposterous in them, affords a lesson to many a fearful Christian, who has often been deterred from evident duty by the prospect of difficulty, forgetful of the power, the faithfulness, and mercy of God. As might have been expected, the disorderly crowd were soon obliged to resort to plunder and violence for their daily support; nor did the failure of miracles, and the destructive attacks of the enraged inhabitants of the countries through which they passed, cause them to suspect the propriety of their motto, or diminish their ardour in the enterprise. The better disciplined armies followed after, and when they were mustered in the plains of Asia, amounted to 700,000 men. In this expedition, the famous Godfrey of Bouillon, Duke of Lorraine, took the city of Nice. Jerusalem also yielded to the combined army, and Godfrey was gratified by being chosen king. The battle of Ascalon, gained by the Christians over the Soldan of Egypt, followed, and terminated the first crusade.

The second crusade in 1144 was still less successful, although commanded by the Emperor Conrad III. and Louis, King of France. The army of the former either perished by the hand of the enemy, or fell a prey to the treachery of Manuel, the Greek Emperor; and that of the latter, abandoned the siege of Damascus, through the unfaithfulness of the Christians of Syria. In 1188, immediately after the retaking of Jerusalem by Saladin, the Soldan of Egypt, the third crusade was undertaken. Past failures had not taught wisdom, and former misfortunes were forgotten. 300,000 men were soon found again to invade the sacred land, and among the heroic chiefs, were the Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, Philip Augustus, King of France, and Richard I. King of England, in the review of

whose reign, in our next essay, we shall have to examine the events of this crusade.

The fourth crusade was commenced in 1195, by the Emperor Henry VI. after Saladin's death. The invaders gained several battles, and took many towns, but the death of the Emperor arrested their progress, & obliged them to quit the prospects of their success, and return to Germany.

Innocent III. in 1198, succeeded in provoking a fifth crusade. But the adventurers had to contend with a more formidable enemy than even Saladin had proved. The plague rapidly thinned their ranks, not only by death, but by inducing many to return home to avoid the contagion. Through this calamity, added to the disagreements of their leaders, and the consequent division of the forces, the Soldan of Aleppo found no difficulty in defeating the remnant of the army.

The sixth crusade began in 1228, and was speedily terminated. Damietta was taken, but was soon surrendered again; and the following year peace was concluded with the Soldan for ten years. About the year 1240, Richard, Earl of Cornwall, brother to Henry III. King of England, proceeded to Palestine with an English army; but finding, on his arrival, that it would be more advantageous to conclude a peace than hazard a war, he shortly returned. Four years afterwards, the Karasimians being driven out of Persia by the Tartars, fled to the Holy Land, and completely defeated the Christians at Gaza.

St. Louis headed the seventh crusade in 1249, and Damietta was again taken. His success, however, was arrested by disease, which so prevailed among his troops that he attempted a retreat; the infidels, resenting such frequent visits, pursued the fugitives, and massacred the greatest part of them, returning with him and his nobles as their prisoners, and they were obliged to purchase their liberty by a truce for ten years.

The last crusade was commanded by the same Prince in 1270, who, after taking the port and castle of Carthage, in Africa, soon died, leaving his army in very indifferent circumstances to the direction of his son, Philip the Bold. The King of Sicily, however, soon arrived with a fleet, and disembarking his troops, joined Philip; but their united forces were repeatedly checked, and after obtaining an advantageous peace, they retired to their separate kingdoms. Prince Edward, of England, arrived with some assistance about the time of this treaty; but being recalled to ascend the throne of England, his visit was fruitless. In 1291, the town of Acre was taken and plundered by the Soldan of Egypt, and the Christians driven out of Syria. So many sufferings, losses, & disappointments, had progressively abated this wild zeal, and succeeding Popes found it impossible to induce another crusade.—Nicholas IV. in 1292, and Clement V. in 1311, were particularly anxious to accomplish the object, but happily failed.

It has been computed that, at least, two millions of poor deluded creatures perished in these various expeditions; and it does not seem possible to find, in history, parallels to the extravagance and wickedness of these adventures. The fanatics proposed to themselves what they deemed a pious object, and set about accomplishing it by the most anti-Christian means: and not only did they employ methods, contrary to the spirit of the gospel, but they committed the most wanton and horrid excesses at the taking of Jerusalem, murdering alike the garrison, and the inhabitants without distinction, unmoved by youthful innocence, female tenderness, and aged weakness; and, monstrous to relate, with hands yet reeking with the blood of the dead and the dying, marching over the bodies they had slain, presented themselves like demons at the holy sepulchre, and sung anthems of praise to the Saviour of mankind.

What a merciful dispensation for the reader, and the writer, that they are permitted to live in a period of the world so much more enlightened, and that they are not the devotees of that false religion, which can so completely enslave, and so fatally mislead the human mind!

CONVERTED PAPIST.

[The following Narrative, extracted from the last Report of the London Hibernian Society, is illustrative, both of the gloomy superstition by which multitudes of the people of Ireland are kept in bondage, and of the influence of Scripture Light in freeing the mind from its dominion.]

The subject of this narration had considerable expectations in early life, and had received a suitable education; but, by some untoward circumstances, she had been kept out of the property to which she was entitled, and was reduced to great distress. Urged by poverty, domestic strife, and above all by superstition, she resolved on leaving her family, and devoting the rest of her days to religious services, in what is called "performing Stations," at different places in this kingdom, famed for imparting peculiar merit to observances performed at them. She accordingly left her husband and two young children; nor had she any intimation of her resolution, or the motives which contributed to the step that she had taken, until he received a letter from her a considerable time after her departure.

It would be tedious to enter on the history of her pilgrimages, stations, and mortifications. People devoted to this kind of life need no money to procure sustenance. They are received as angels into the cabins of the poor, who conceive that they participate in the merit of all their labors of superstition, by contributing to their necessities.

While the pilgrims are thus provided with sustenance for the day, they are, nevertheless, under the necessity to beg in order to procure raiment. She, however,

had recourse to a way more congenial with her feelings, to supply her wants in this respect. When necessary, she opened a Female School at different places, during the vacations which occurred between the Saints' Days, on which the Stations at different wells, groves, and high places, were to be performed. In choosing the site of her School, she had an eye to the configuration of some holy place; or a situation so circumstanced, as to connect her residence there with the necessity of a meritorious mortification. Thus she once fixed on the centre of a large bog, where in a hut she kept school; and though her light-footed pupils could, with little difficulty, wade through the quagmires which seemed to bar the entrance, her journey from thence every Lord's Day to Mass never failed to leave her bones sore for most of the week: but mortification was her trade; and she looked forward, in hope that her passage through purgatory would be tolerable, in proportion to her sufferings here. In seasons of plenty, she found no difficulty to get pupils in such places; but the late and present hardship of the times, drove her to the necessity of seeking employment in better-circumstanced situations. She came to this place highly recommended, and soon had a respectable School.

In the Mass Houses, which are generally extensive buildings, there are Crosses painted in black on the walls, at certain distances: these are called Stations. To these, Devotees resort morning and evening, and take a circuit on their knees, which they call "Performing Stations;" having to repeat a certain number of prayers within the limits between Cross and Cross. She was constant in her observance of those meetings; and, by her zeal, stimulated many indolent Catholics to more painful and active devotions.

On last Ash-Wednesday, she repaired to Mass, and took with her all her pupils. Among them was a Protestant child. After Mass, she accompanied the child home, and apologized for the liberty which she had taken. The mother, said, to be sure she would not wish her child to be in such a place; but, from her youth, she supposed she had paid but little attention to what passed there. Looking, however, on the child, and observing the black mark on its forehead, which the Priests on that day put on the forehead or on the palm of the hands of all their flock, she exclaimed, "What! what! has my child been branded with the mark of the beast?" The other inquired into the cause of her astonishment, and the indignation which she manifested on seeing the mark on the child's forehead. To explain her conduct, the mother produced a Bible; and, turning to the Book of Revelation, read a passage out of it, in reference to the subject. The other had never read a page in the Holy Scriptures; or, before that moment, so much as heard a passage read. She had, indeed, heard that there was such a book, and that it was the Word of God; but that none but the Clergy should presume to look into its contents. After some time, however, she took courage to indulge her curiosity, and look into a book which she knew was forbidden to the Laity. Her approbation of the book, and a desire for inquiry, led her frequently to converse with the mother of the child; and, in this way her doubts so increased, that she made them a very prominent part of her next confession to a Priest, a coadjutor in that parish. This gentleman dwelt largely on the enormity of the crime of doubting any principle of her religion; strove to obviate all her objections, by alleging her incompetency to judge; and, beside a heavy penance, laid her under an obligation, on pain of inevitable destruction, never to open a Bible, or converse with a Protestant on the subject of religion. All this, however, did not do; for though, while terrified and intimidated by the threats and injunctions of her Confessor, she had unwillingly promised obedience, she relapsed in a few days, and returned to the Bible.

About this time, her attention to the Scriptures was perceived by the parents of her pupils. They were much alarmed; for, being able to pay for the education of their children, in order to preserve them from contamination they had never sent them to any of our Schools. Her continuing to read the Bible every leisure hour, and the omission of the usual regularity in attending the Stations, made them more than suspicious; and the result was, that she was deprived of every Catholic Child under her tuition; when, hearing that we had mistresses employed to instruct females, and that our Schools were Bible Schools, she called on me to seek a situation.

As the parents of the pupils who had left her would not pay any part of the stipend owing to her, I paid what she was in debt for her lodging, and some trifling necessities, during the suspension of her School. Having entertained the design of getting her reconciled to her husband, though she dreaded her change of sentiments would be an insurmountable bar in the way, I wrote to him; and the result was, I happily succeeded.

MAGNANIMITY.

The following anecdote has not yet been laid before the public.—The Count de Arcos, at present prime minister in the Brazil, has immortalized himself in the opinion of his countrymen by a magnanimous trait. It was through the wise measures and exertions of the Count, that the late revolution of Pernambuco was attended with no fatal consequences to the crown. King John VI. the reigning monarch, grateful for his important services, handed to the Count a blank sheet of paper, with his name only signed at the bottom, telling him to write thereon any thing he wished, as it would be considered as the Sovereign's will, and immediately executed. The Count took the paper, and wrote thereon an order for the liberation of all the prisoners detained at Pernambuco, and held for execution. The king commanded that the order should be carried into immediate effect.—London paper.

THE LORD WILL PROVIDE.

The following anecdote is calculated to convince us that the circulation of the Bible is pleasing in the sight of God; and that the exertions of those who are engaged in it, are long before the establishment of Bible Societies, the Rev. Peter Williams, a pious and gifted Clergyman in Wales, seeing that his countrymen were almost entirely destitute of Bibles, and knowing that the work of the Lord could not prosper without it, undertook, with confidence, although destitute of the means to translate and publish a Welsh Bible for his trymen. Having expended all his living, he was deeply involved in debt, with the work uncompleted, he expected every hour to be arrested, imprisoned without the means or the hope of release. One morning he had taken an adequate leave of his family for the purpose of his pious labors, with an expectation that he should not be permitted to return. When he was mounting his horse, a stranger met him and gave him a letter. He stopped and read it, and found, to his astonishment, that it contained information, that a lady had bequeathed him a legacy of 3000 sterling. "Now," says he, "my dear wife, I can finish my Bible, pay my debts, and live in peace at home."

This anecdote obtains additional interest, being related to us by a pious old lady of a place, who is a native of Wales, and who heard Mr. Williams preach, & has since seen him.

TRACT ANECDOTE.

A Minister was lately sent for, to visit a woman who was near death. On entering the room, she was lying on a bed with her head on the Bible. Underneath it was a tract, "This" (she exclaimed with a commendable degree of fervor), "is, next to the Scriptures, comfort in my affliction: through it I was able to read the sacred volume, and it shall be my companion till my soul is parted from my body." Then, with a tear rolling down her countenance, and pressing both the books to her bosom, said, "Blessed Bible and blessed tract by you I have been brought to love my God and to die in peace."

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JOHN C. PROCTOR.

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